

of real estate. It's a one-time event that occurs when you transfer tax, but it is really just a property tax under another name. So I think 100 percent, 100 percent of it ought to be therefore going to the county. I think even the Constitution requires that. I think it logically is nothing more than, as I say, a property tax. So I've got an amendment to have 100 percent of it go to the county. If the bill is not killed I might offer that amendment.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator Haberman. Senator Chambers, for what purpose do you rise?

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I want to withdraw my kill motion.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Okay. The motion is withdrawn. Are there any further amendments, Mr. Clerk?

ASSISTANT CLERK: In that case, Mr. President, Senator DeCamp would move to amend the bill. (See DeCamp amendment found on page 1777 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR BEUTLER: Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DECAMP: Hey, Mr. President, I'm dead serious. I think you ought to ask yourselves, isn't this a property tax? I don't see how anything could be more clear than this being a property tax. It is based strictly on value of real estate. It is only imposed when you are moving real estate. This is a property tax. Remember, when they decided to pass the sales and income tax they passed something called I think, what, the Duis amendment, or whatever the heck it is called. It says the state can't be in the property tax field. Well I think you can't do it directly or indirectly. So I would say 100 percent of that money, whatever it is, ought to be going to the county because otherwise, with this increase, with this increase in the bill the only thing you are doing is you are increasing property taxes some more. So if you are increasing them at least let them go where they are supposed to be. So it is only a tenth, or a half a percent, or whatever of property tax. But sure as blazes it is property tax. When you are using additional property tax to fill the state coffers that is exactly the opposite direction of what we are supposed to be going in here and trying to provide some relief. So I would say let all the money go to the county where it should be going in the first place. I urge you to adopt the amendment, and I'm serious.